

*USA v. Murdaugh*

Criminal No. 9:23-cr-00396-RMG

Defendant's Motion for Immediate Seizure of Defendant's Assets

# EXHIBIT A

(Transcript excerpt from May 3, 2023 hearing,  
*Beach v. Parker, et al.*)

1 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ) COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
2 ) 2019-CP-25-00111  
3 COUNTY OF LEXINGTON )

4 RENEE BEACH, personal )  
5 representative of the )  
6 estate of Mallory Beach, )  
7 Plaintiff, )

8 vs. ) TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD  
9 )

10 GREG M. PARKER, INC., and )  
11 RICHARD A. MURDAUGH, and )  
12 RICHARD A. MURDAUGH, JR., )  
13 Defendants. )

14 May 3, 2023

15 Lexington, South Carolina

16 B E F O R E:

17 HONORABLE DANIEL D. HALL, JUDGE

18 A P P E A R A N C E S:

19 James M. Griffin, Esquire

20 Jordan Crapps, Esquire

21 John T. Lay, Esquire

22 Eric S. Bland, Esquire

23 Mark B. Tinsley, Esquire

24 Lisa G. Amick  
25 Official Court Reporter

1 attorney in criminal court, or if they can't afford an  
2 attorney, the Court would appoint an attorney. So it seems  
3 like the issue becomes in this particular case almost an  
4 equitable issue of who pays, either the tax payers through  
5 indigent defense or either money that legally and technically  
6 right now is still his and should pay his, the Court approved  
7 payment of that money so that, I mean, is that sort of where we  
8 are practically, who pays? Either it comes out of his, either  
9 comes out of that bucket, and I'll hear from everybody in just  
10 a moment, we're going to take our time on this, and I'm not  
11 going to rule today, but that's sort of where I am, how I view  
12 it. Yes, Mr. Crapps?

13 MR. CRAPPS: Well, so a couple things. In that US v  
14 Marshall case, the issue at hand was the restraint of untainted  
15 assets and whether those assets can be used to hire appellate  
16 counsel. When addressed with that question, the Fourth Circuit  
17 said no, they answered that question in the negative. So, so  
18 that comment between tainted and untainted I think is a little  
19 misleading, especially when the Sixth Amendment provides no  
20 right to this relief that they seek. Also, Your Honor, the,  
21 the tainted issue is kind of the statutory mechanism that  
22 Courts in these series of cases we've been talking about today  
23 uses to transfer title or interest from that Defendant to the  
24 government. And so here, that transfer of interest, the  
25 government's interest, we're not the government, I'll get to